

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on November 5, 2009 and attended by Examiner Sarah A. Simpson and Applicants' representative, Rabinder Narula.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

none

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 25, 47, 60, 72 and 87

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Pat. No. 4,738,666 to Fuqua ("Fuqua"), U.S. Pat. No. 6,030,364 to Durgin et al. ("Durgin") and U.S. Pat. No. 5,810,776 to Bacich et al. ("Bacich").

Proposed Amendments

Examiner suggested that Applicants amend the independent claims to include limitations specifying that the lumen through which the balloon is expanded is within the folded region of the sheath, the circumferential cross-section of the tubular structure is continuous, and that there are no folds positioned on the perimeter of the elongate tubular body on the side of the leading edge.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants' representative pointed out that U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0012950 by Nishtala et al., either alone or in combination with Fuqua, Durgin and/or Bacich, fails to disclose the claimed features.

Results of Interview

Examiner would reconsider the case once the amendments were submitted in writing.